Transferring the subject providing Government Quarters

1706. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to transfer the subject of providing Government quarters to Government employees to the Department of Personnel and Training; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Standard construction document to Manage construction project

1707. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a suggestion has been made by a national conference held in New Delhi during the last month that a standard contract document by drawn up expeditiously to manage construction projects efficiently and weed out corruption in mega-projects;

(b) what other suggestions were made by this Conference; and

(c) the follow-up action being taken thereon by Government particularly for drawing up of a standard building contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The national conference on management of cost, efficiency and quality in construction was organised by National Institute of Construction Management and Research, in collaboration with Planning Commission on July 6-8, 1994. The recommendations of the conference have not been received.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Restructuring of the poverty alleviation programmes

1708. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been prepared for restructuring the existing poverty alleviation programmes including the Nehru Rozgar Yojana and scheme of urban basic services for the poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the result of the existing poverty alleviation programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) No such scheme has yet been prepared. However, a draft note prepared by the Ministry on Integrated Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme was discussed in the All India Meeting of State Secretaries incharge of Urban Development, Housing, Water Supply and Local Self Government held on 15-16th July, 1994 at New Delhi. Based on the discussions in that meeting, a package for restructuring of urban poverty alleviation programmes is at present in its preliminary stage of preparation and no definite details have yet been finalised.

(c) As on 30th June, 1994 the progress made under the two Centrally sponsored programmes of (i) Nehru Rozgar Yojana and (ii) Scheme of Urban Basic Services for the Poor being administered by the Ministry is as under:—

NEHRU ROZGAR YOJANA (NRY): 5.82 lakhs urban poor have been assisted under Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME) to set-up self